GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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TRIBAL RIGHTS IN RESERVED/ PROTECTED LAND UNDER FOREST AREA
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any survey of the reserved and protected land under forest area in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of persons living in these forest areas as per the survey conducted in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIORNMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) & (b) The Forest Survey of India, an organization under the Ministry of Environment & Forests carries out the assessment of forest cover of the country on a biennial basis. The details of area under Reserved and Protected forests as per the State of Forest Report, 2003 are given in Annexure.

(c) No survey exclusively in respect of persons living in Reserved and Protected forests has been carried out. However, the demographic details in respect of forest land are maintained by the respective State/Union Territory Governments.